

BLEEDING / LACERATION

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
Where is the bleeding from?
 If vaginal, is she pregnant?
Is blood squirting out?
Is the patient a hemophiliac (a bleeder)?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Any arterial bleeding.
Hemophilia.
Rectal bleeding
Vomiting blood or coffee ground material.
Bleeding from mouth with difficulty breathing.
Bleeding from the neck, groin, or armpit.
Vaginal bleeding if over 20 weeks pregnant.
Vaginal bleeding associated with lower abdominal pain or fainting.

BLS DISPATCH

Minor bleeding from any other area.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

If bleeding, use clean cloth and apply pressure directly over wound. Do not remove. If cloth becomes soaked, add more to what is already there.

If nosebleed, tell the patient to apply direct pressure by pinching the nose tightly between their index finger and thumb, sit forward and hold it until help arrives. Attempt to spit out blood, swallowing may make patient nauseous.

Advise patient not to move.

Cover patient with blanket and try to keep them calm.

Nothing to eat or drink.

Gather patient medications, if possible.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

**FOLLOW AEROMEDICAL
DISPATCH GUIDELINES**



Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units